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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR Sections 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant submits herewith copies of the prior art documents cited on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A for consideration during prosecution of the subject Application.

This Statement is filed solely for the purpose of complying with the pertinent rules of the Office and is not intended to be a substitute for an independent evaluation by the examiner of the art cited or an independent search by the examiner, and no representation of any nature is made or intended by the filing of this Statement.

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Respectfully submitted,

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